

Instrument in the Redeemer's Hands
Chapter 2

1. How did this chapters challenge and/or encourage your understanding of your role in God's plan of redemption?
2. How would you answer Paul David Tripp's question on page 18: "When you think of personal growth and change, what comes to mind? Are you like Sam, immediately assuming that you need the help of your pastor, an elder, or a professional counselor?" Explain your answer.
3. From page 19. Tripp says "*God transforms people's lives as people bring his Word to others.*" According to this chapter, why is the work of the whole body of Christ (not just church staff) necessary for this transformation to take place?
4. From pages 21-22. What is the difference between formal and informal ministry? Which do we do more often? Do you agree with Tripp that we tend to approach informal ministry "much more casually than we do formal, public ministry"? Why or why not?
5. On pages 24-25, Tripp makes the point that many people think of the Bible as a spiritual encyclopedia. What is the problem with approaching the Bible this way?
 1. From pages 26-28, why is it important to have the perspective of the whole Bible when ministering to others?

6. From pages 29-35, Tripp unpacks “three grand themes of the story of redemption.” In your own words, explain why each is important:

1. God’s sovereignty

2. God’s grace

3. God’s glory